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Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Amendment be entered.

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1. European Patent Application EP 0859055 A1, published August

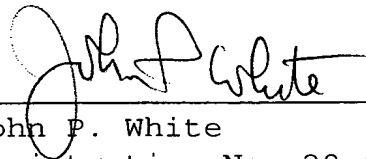
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- 19, 1998;
2. UK Patent Application 2,312,211, published October 22,
1997;
3. Bunzow, et al. (Locus AF200627, GenEmbl, 2000);

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the \$546.00 filing fee for the subject application, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if additional any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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